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Applicant(s): Sasa KRANJC *et al.*

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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CLAVULANIC ACID

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the final Office Action mailed January 23, 2003 (Paper No. 14) and the Notice of Appeal filed July 22, 2003. Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.